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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete paragraph 0037 on page 9 of the specification, and replace the same with the following.

[0037] Referring now to Figure 3, a first embodiment of a two-operation safety buckle 30 according to the present invention is illustrated. Safety buckle 30 is composed of a male member 32 and a female member 34. Male member 32 includes sidearms 36 and a center arm 38 connected to a base 39. A distal end of sidearms 36 has enlarged heads 37. Center arm 38 had a latch projection 40 extending from a distal end 39 thereof. Extending through base 39 opposite from heads 37 is strap recess 31 for receiving a belt or other fastening instrument. Female member 34 includes an inner cavity 42 with an open end 41. Female member 34 also includes strap recess 43 for insertion of a strap or other band equivalent. Recesses 44 are provided on sides of female ~~member 44~~ member 34 for receiving heads 37 of male member 32. Recesses 44 are positioned and sized to receive heads 37 at full insertion of male member 32 and are sized to allow arms 36 to resiliently return to an initial position, or a less loaded position, after being received by recesses 44.

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[0047] Female member 92 includes buttons 97 that are flexibly depressed to contact central arm 93 and deflect central arm 93 so that ~~latches~~ latch 94 can move away from catches 95 to permit male member 91 to be disengaged from female member 92. Buttons 97 are stiff so that pinching buttons 97 together do not interfere with the displacement of central arm 93 to free latch 94 from catch 95.